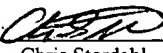


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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Examiner's official paper mailed May 8, 2001 and is being filed within the three-month extension period for responding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A petition to extend the period for responding to the Office Action by three months, from August 8, 2001 to November 8, 2001, together with a required fee is submitted herewith.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.